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Group Art Unit: 1772

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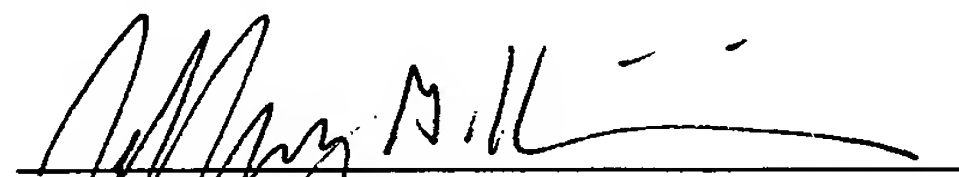
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Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding Swedish application. Some of the references listed on the Search Report were cited in a previous Information Disclosure Statement, including US 5,330,853. Cited EP 0947607 is a family member of previously submitted US 6,254,984, and cited EP 0592986 is a family member of previously submitted US 5,503,912.

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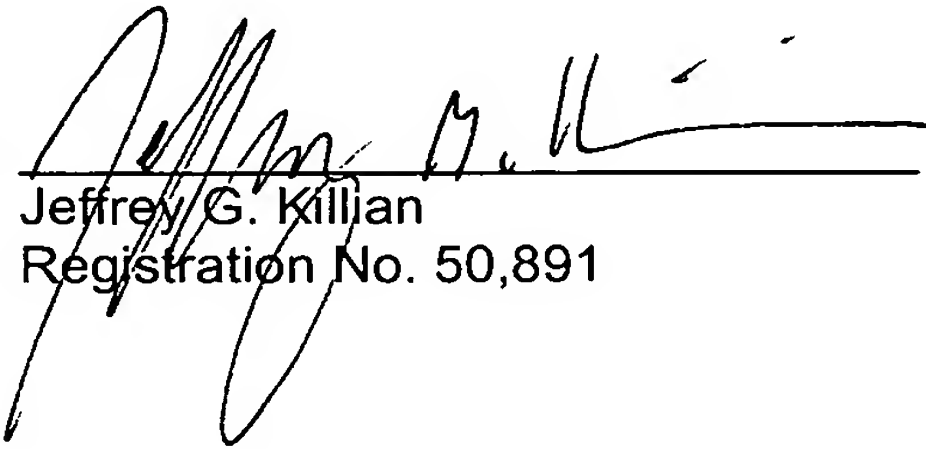
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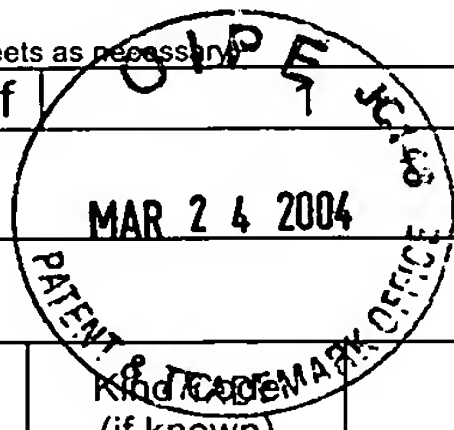
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